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#### Local Rule 6-1 states:

- (a) Every motion requesting a continuance, extension of time, or order shortening time shall be "Filed" by the Clerk and processed as an expedited matter. Ex parte motions and stipulations shall be governed by LR 6-2.
- (b) Every motion or stipulation to extend time shall inform the Court of any previous extensions granted and state the reasons for the extension requested. A request made after the expiration of the specified period shall not be granted unless the moving party, attorney, or other person demonstrates that the failure to act was the result of excusable neglect. Immediately below the title of such motion or stipulation there shall also be included a statement indicating whether it is the first, second, third, etc., requested extension, i.e.:

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- (c) The Court may set aside any extension obtained in contravention of this Rule.
- (d) A stipulation or motion seeking to extend the time to file an opposition or final reply to a motion, or to extend the time fixed for hearing a motion, must state in its opening paragraph the filing date of the motion.

### Local Rule 6-2 states:

(a) Any stipulations, ex parte or unopposed motions requesting a continuance, extension of time, or order shortening time, and any other stipulation requiring an order shall not initially be "Filed" by the Clerk, but shall be marked "Received." Every such stipulation 20 | Page or ex parte or unopposed motion shall include an "Order" in the form of a signature block on which the Court or Clerk can endorse approval of the relief sought. This signature block shall not be on a separate page, but shall appear approximately one inch (1") below the last typewritten matter on the right-hand side of the last page of the stipulation or ex parte or unopposed motion, and shall read as follows:

"IT IS SO ORDERED: [UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CLERK] (whichever is appropriate)

(b) Upon approval, amendment or denial, the stipulation or ex parte or unopposed motion shall be filed and processed by the Clerk in such manner as may be necessary.

The Ninth Circuit has held in Ahanchian v. Xenon Pictures, Inc., 624 F.3d 1253, 1258-59 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2010) that Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b)(1) "'[is] to be liberally construed to effectuate the general purpose of seeing that cases are tried on the merits.' *Rodgers v. Watt*, 722 F.2d 456, 459 (9th Cir.1983) (quoting *Staren v. American Nat'l Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago*, 529 F.2d 1257, 1263 (7th Cir.1976)); *see also* Fed.R.Civ.P. 1 ("[The Federal Rules] should be construed and administered to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding."). Consequently, requests for extensions of time made before the applicable deadline has passed should "normally … be granted in the absence of bad faith on the part of the party seeking relief or prejudice to the adverse party." 4B Charles Alan Wright & Arthur R.

Miller, *Federal Practice and Procedure* § 1165 (3d ed. 2004)." Id.

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In this case as shown in the declaration immediately below, Plaintiff's counsel recently discovered that several motions, orders, and other required work had not been completed or were glaringly deficient. As a result, counsel had to terminate the person required to perform the tasks. This caused counsel to have to spend time correcting the work or performing the work. Counsel immediately contacted Defendants' counsel and he agreed to allow an extension of two weeks to respond to the current summary judgment motion.

#### **DECLARATION OF COUNSEL**

Plaintiff's counsel recently discovered that numerous motions, orders and other required
work had not been completed by a certain employee thereby forcing counsel for the
Plaintiff to devote an inordinate amount of time correcting the deficiencies after
Plaintiff's counsel let this certain employee go.

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2. Plaintiff's counsel obtained a two week extension to answer the pending summary judgment motion. However, due to the reasons listed above, counsel needs an additional two weeks to file a response. 3. Plaintiff's counsel believes that good cause exists to allow an extension of time to file a response to the Defendants' summary judgment motion. Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015. /s/ Randal R. Leonard, Esq. RANDAL R. LEONARD, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 6716 500 South 8th Street Las Vegas, NV 89101 (702) 598-3667/ office (702) 598-3926/ facsimile Attorney for Plaintiff /// /// 

1 /// 2 THE PARTIES THEREFORE STIPULATE AND AGREE AS FOLLOWS: 3 1. That Plaintiff will have until October 16, 2015 to file a response to the Defendants' 4 Motion for Summary Judgment on file. 5 6 Dated: October 16, 2015 Dated: October 16, 2015 7 8 /s/ Randal R. Leonard, Esq. /s/ Michael Edwards, Esq. RANDAL R. LEONARD, ESQ. MICHAEL EDWARDS, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 6716 Nevada Bar No. 6281 10 500 South 8th Street 6725 Via Austi Parkway, Suite 260 Las Vegas, NV 89101 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 11 (702) 598-3667/ office (702) 836-3138/ office 12 Attorney for Defendants (702) 598-3926/ facsimile Attorney for Plaintiff 13 14 15 16 IT IS SO ORDERED: 17 18 19 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE, 20 October 19, 2015 DATED: 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 5

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